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AVIATION UNIT RELOCATIONS - PUBLIC AFFAIRS (U)

1. (C) PLANNING IS UNDERWAY TO RELOCATE FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON
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FIVE CONSISTING OF SIX AIRCRAFT AND APPROXIMATELY 200 MEN
FROM NAF KADENA TO CUBI PT., R.P., AND TO SHIFT A MARINE DE-
TACHMENT OF SIX AV-8A AIRCRAFT AND APPROXIMATELY 100 CURRENTLY
STATIONED AT MCAS IWAKUNI TO NAF KADENA. THESE ARE SEPARATE
ACTIONS BUT NEED TO BE COORDINATED IN CONCERT IN THAT FACILITIES
BEING VACATED BY VC-5 AT KADENA WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE AV-8A
DETACHMENT. ALTHOUGH EXACT DATES FOR THE RELOCATIONS ARE UN-

DETERMINED THEY ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR IN THE NEAR TERM. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST EARLY COMUSJAPAN/AMEMBASSY TOKYO REVIEW OF FOLLOWING PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL AND TIMING OF RELEASE.

2. (C) VC-5 RELOCATION, PROPOSED PRESREL. QUOTE: FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON FIVE, CURRENTLY BASED AT THE U.S. NAVAL AIR FACILITY KADENA, OKINAWA, JAPAN, IS BEING RELOCATED TO THE U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION, CUBI POINT, R.P.. THIS MOVE IS BEING MADE TO ENABLE THE SQUADRON TO BETTER PERFORM ITS MISSION OF SUPPORTING FLEET UNITS. IN PERFORMING THIS MISSION, VC-5 FLIES SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING SH-3G HELICOPTERS, A-4E AND TA-4J JETS, AND MAINTAINS DRONE AIRCRAFT FOR USE AS TARGETS. THE SQUADRON WILL COMMENCE ITS MOVE (INSERT DATE). COMPLETION DATE FOR THE FINAL RELOCATION HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED. UNQUOTE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q1. WHY IS THE SQUADRON RELOCATING?

A1. TO CONSOLIDATE COMMAND, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS UNIT AT THE SITE WHERE THE MAJORITY OF ITS COMMITMENTS EXIST.

Q2. HOW MANY AIRCRAFT AND HOW MANY PERSONNEL WILL THE RELOCATION INVOLVE? HOW MANY FAMILIES?

A2. SIX A-4 AIRCRAFT AND TWO SH-3G HELICOPTERS, APPROXIMATELY 197 MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED INCLUDING 61 FAMILIES.

Q3. DOES THIS MOVE HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH THE PLANS FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA?

A3. NO

Q4. WILL THE SQUADRON BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER UNIT?

A4. NOT DIRECTLY. THE KADENA FACILITIES WILL BE USED BY
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USMC UNITS PROGRAMMED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO OKINAWA.

Q5. WILL THE MOVE HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE JAPANESE (OKINAWA) ECONOMY?

A5. MINIMAL IMPACT.

Q6. WHY WILL THE MOVE BE TAKING PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME?

A6. VC-5 IS AN OPERATIONAL SQD WHOSE MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OF THE SEVENTHFLT. THE TRANSITION FROM KADENA TO CUBI HAS BEEN PLANNED IN SUCH A MANNER OVER A PERIOD OF TIME TO ENSURE THAT THESE SERVICES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED BECAUSE OF THE SQD MOVE.

3. (C) AV-8A RELOCATION. PROPOSED PRESREL. QUOTE: THE MARINE AV-8A DETACHMENT WHICH HAD BEEN STATIONED AT MCAS IWAKUNI WILL BE RELOCATED TO NAVAIR AIR FACILITY, KADENA, OKINAWA ON (INSERT DATE). THE SIX AIRCRAFT IN THE DETACHMENT ARE PART OF (VCA-542 STATIONED AT YUMA, ARIZONA). THE RELOCATION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TO ALLOW GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR COMBINED AIR-GROUND TRAINING WITH UNITS OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION STATIONED HERE. UNQUOTE. (NOTE: THE SQUADRON DESIGNATION IN PROPOSED PRESREL WILL DEPEND UPON THE TIMING OF THE RELEASE SINCE THE DETACHMENT RO-

TATES BETWEEN THE TWO SQUADRONS.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

A1. HAVE THE AV-8A'S BEEN TO OKINAWA BEFORE?

A1. YES THE AV-8A DETACHMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO OKINAWA FROM IWAKUNI FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME.

Q2. WILL THIS TRANSFER REQUIRE ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION?

A2. NO, THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY VC-5, A NAVY SQUADRON THAT IS MOVING TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES. THE PERSONNEL OF THE DETACHMENT WILL BE HOUSED IN EXISTING BILLETS.

Q3. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED?

A3. THE DETACHMENT NORMALLY HAS 9 OFFICERS AND 100 ENLISTED. THIS DOES FLUCTUATE BY A FEW UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON PERSONNEL FACTORS.

Q4. WILL THIS COST OR SAVE ANY MONEY?

A4. IT WILL SAVE MONEY SINCE IT REDUCES THE AIRLIFT COST TO SUPPORT THE TEMPORARY DUTY AND IT ELIMINATES TAD PAY FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MARINES WHEN THEY HAD BEEN DEPLOYED HERE FROM IWAKUNI.

Q5. IS THIS PART OF A PLAN TO CLOSE OR REDUCE THE IMPORTANCE OF MCAS IWAKUNI?

A5. NO, IT IS AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND SAVE MONEY.

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